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## ALL-OUT WAR IN PALESTINE

### Arabs And Jews Prepare For Flare-Up

#### Australia's Contribution

Canberra, May 13.  
Australia contributed the equivalent of US\$12,500,000 to the Empire dollar pool in gold exports to Britain for the nine months ended March 31. It was disclosed today. The gold exports amounted to 365,000 ounces and Australia is sending all current gold production to Britain to help meet the dollar crisis. But gold production in March continued to slump. Sixty-five thousand fine ounces were produced—eight per cent less than March, 1947.—Reuter.

#### River Steamers Price War

"Cut-throat" competition among the shipping companies with boats plying between Hong Kong and Canton and Hong Kong and Macao has resulted in the companies getting together and agreeing on a uniform rate for freight.

With the exception of the China Steamship Navigation Company which operates the s.s. "Faishan" and the s.s. "Wusuan," other companies have been engaged in "cut-throat" competition for the past few months in attempts to secure pay-loads out of Hong Kong to Canton and Macau.

"As a result of the competition, considerable losses were suffered. Several representative meetings were held and the companies eventually agreed on a uniform rate for freight which came into force on Wednesday.

#### Drugs From H.K. Seized

San Francisco, May 12. Customs inspectors announced they seized two cases of Chinese patent medicine containing morphine and heroin from the steamer General Gordon when it docked from the Orient today.

Customs collector Paul Leake said 1,500 bottles labelled "Dr. Tung Shih Yee Cough Pills" were worth US\$3,600. Wing D. Wong, who brought the drugs on board at Hong Kong and carried them across in his locker, was held for investigation. He said they were for a San Francisco friend and he did not know they were narcotics.—Associated Press.

## New Election In China Demanded

Shanghai, May 13. Carson Chang, leader of the Democratic-Socialists, said he believed new national elections should be called to settle the present dispute between Government Kuomintang Party and minor factions.

"We are prepared to submit to the judgment of the people even if we fail to gain a single seat in the Legislative Yuan, provided that elections are held on a fair play basis reflecting the popular will of the voters," he said.

China's two minor parties, the Democratic Socialists and Young China—have boycotted the new popularly-elected Legislative Assembly in Nanking because the Government party failed to give them the 155 seats promised them before last January's elections.

"The real issue of the dispute is not the question of seats in the

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#### Mandate Ends At Midnight Tonight

Jerusalem, May 13. Preparations for all-out war in the Holy Land on Saturday were reportedly being intensified throughout Palestine yesterday.

The last British troops started rolling out of Jerusalem as Arab and Jewish troops moved into positions from which they will launch their assaults when the British end their 25-year mandate over Palestine at midnight tomorrow.

New Iraqi troops from Baghdad reached the Transjordan border on the way to Palestine, and Egyptian troops in the Sinai Desert were said to be moving toward the border.

The battle for the vital supply road between Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv continued around Bad el-Wad, in the Judean foothills, with fortune of war see-sawing.

#### Jewish Hopos

The Arab Legion of Transjordan was reported last night to be using heavy guns and armoured cars in a battle for the Jewish settlement of Kfar Etzion, on the Arab route from Egypt and southern Palestine to Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, political negotiation continued. A Jewish Agency spokesman said: "we still hope for an agreement with King Abdallah, that will avert total war between the Palestine Jews and the armies of neighbouring Arab states."

About 1,500 British troops and 600 policemen left for home from Haifa in the Samaria yesterday. Unofficial estimates were that the British evacuation of Palestine has been 90 per cent completed.

#### End Of Mandate

The end of Britain's mandate will be signalled when the Union Jack is lowered at Government House in Jerusalem tomorrow night.

Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner, will leave aboard the cruiser H.M.S. Euryalus from Haifa shortly afterwards and Palestine will be left in the Jews and Arabs.—Associated Press.

#### Arab Claims

Damascus, May 13. The Palestine Arab Higher Committee said that last night Arab fighters occupied two villages flanking the vital Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway in the Bad El Wad area west of Jerusalem.

The Committee telephoned from Jerusalem to its chairman, Abu Amra El Husseini, and now, in consultation here with Arab League leaders.

It said the Arabs took over the villages and captured several detachments of the Jewish militia Haganah, with their arms. Associated Press.

#### Nagoya Ceramic Exports

Tokyo, May 13. Chinaware manufacturers in Nagoya—Japan's china production centre—have requested the authorities to consider a 10 to 20 per cent increase in the exchange rate for ceramic and porcelain exports, according to Japanese press reports.

The manufacturers said the raise was necessary to cover higher production costs.

With the revision of the nation's price structure expected to be made in June, it would almost seem impossible to continue exporting their goods under the present exchange rate of Y300 for one US dollar, they explained.

Recently, Japan has exported chinaware to the Netherlands Indies on the basis of Y375 to one US dollar.

A dinner-set, which costs Y7,500 to manufacture, is priced at Y6,000, owing to the present exchange rate, while production cost of the same set has risen by 80 per cent since last July.

The manufacturers advocated increasing the present rate of Y300 per dollar to Y300.—Reuter.

#### Wife's Plea Dismissed

London, May 13. A British divorce court judge today dismissed a wife's petition for nullity based on her husband's practice of coitus interruptus, although he admitted that the facts were similar to those in a case in which, two days ago, another divorce judge gave an opposite decision.

The judge held that the husband's persistence in the practice—which involves premature withdrawal for contraceptive purposes during intercourse—was cruelty.

He granted the wife a decree nisi.

"I regret that in two days there should be contrary decisions on this matter. It only emphasises that this is an extremely difficult point which at some stage will have to be decided by a higher tribunal."

Whether there was nullity in such a case was a question of extreme importance and difficulty, he added.

The judge in the previous case ruled that the practice of coitus interruptus by a husband did not constitute consummation of the marriage and entitled a wife to a decree of nullity.—Reuter.

#### NEW PASSPORT REGULATIONS

Canton, May 13. The Canton Shipping Merchants Guild have been instructed by the President's Canton Headquarters that they must not accept foreign passengers unless they are in possession of a passport or a residence certificate from the Canton Police Headquarters, according to the Kwangtung Jih Pao, a newspaper close to Government quarters.

The instructions stated that aliens entering a Chinese port should possess a passport endorsed by Chinese consular officials.

From the legal point of view, the extra-legal practices cited above constitute sufficient ground to nullify the election, Chang added.—Associated Press.

#### Arab Plan To Take Over

Damascus, May 13. Arab League officials said in Damascus today that the League will set up an Arab civil administration in Palestine after May 15.

The disclosure was made following a secret session of the League Political Committee and the Arab War Council.

The League Secretary-General Azzam Pasha told the Associated Press that the decision was reached after the bodies defeated a proposal to establish a Palestine Arab state similar to the one the Jews are expected to launch as soon as the British mandate ends.

"We accepted the presumption that the Jews will establish a state on May 15," Azzam Pasha said, "and we agreed to set up an Arab civil administration under the Arab League to function in cooperation with the occupying Arab military forces."—Associated Press.

Chakravarty Rajgopalchari, present Governor of West Bengal, whose appointment as Governor-General of India, in succession to Earl Mountbatten, has been approved by the King.

Members of the local legal fraternity approached by the "China Mail" concerning their views regarding women jurors, yesterday expressed the opinion that the women of Hong Kong have more than justified their right to serve on juries.

One well-known member of the legal profession, who has had considerable experience in Hong Kong Courts, had said that unlimited opportunities of observing women jurors in the course of trials, said that since women jurors were empanelled, the standard of intelligence of Hong Kong juries has been raised considerably.

In the meantime, although it is understood the comb-out is to continue, no cases will come before the advisory committee.—Reuter.

Women in Hong Kong first became liable for jury service in July last, when the necessary amendment to the Jury Ordinance was passed.

Subsequent to the passing of the Ordinance, Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, "tested" some 2,000 women jurors by means of a broadcast over Z.B.W. in the course of which he explained many points which were bothering women jurors.

It was not until January this year, however, that women were actually called upon for jury service.

The first case to be heard by a jury on which women were empanelled was the "Skeleton Murder Case" in which a former employee of the Anti-Malaria Bureau was charged with the murder of a fellow employee at Aberdeen on July 28, 1947. The accused was found guilty as charged.

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Soong's Chat With Bullitt

Shanghai, May 13. It was reported today that the Governor of Kwangtung, T. V. Soong, and Mr. William C. Bullitt, strong advocate of US aid to China, conferred in Shanghai on plans for development in South China, but neither of them could be contacted immediately for confirmation.

However, the two were reported to have been closeted in a two-hour conference in which they went over the world situation in application to the Chinese situation.

Bullitt's attention was reportedly paid to the question of how China should prepare herself to use United States aid against problems arising from world emergencies.

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Russians Reported Aiding Reds

Peking, May 13. General Fu Tao-ye's own newspaper—in a despatch from Manchuria today quoted General Fan Han-chieh, deputy Commander-in-Chief in Manchuria, as declaring that personnel of a "certain country"—obviously referring to Russia—arrived in Fushin, Communist-occupied Manchurian coal centre.

The despatch coincided with a report by a traveller from Manchuria who said he saw four Soviet military men moving—railway—and industrial equipment from Fushin. The traveller who told the story asked to remain anonymous.

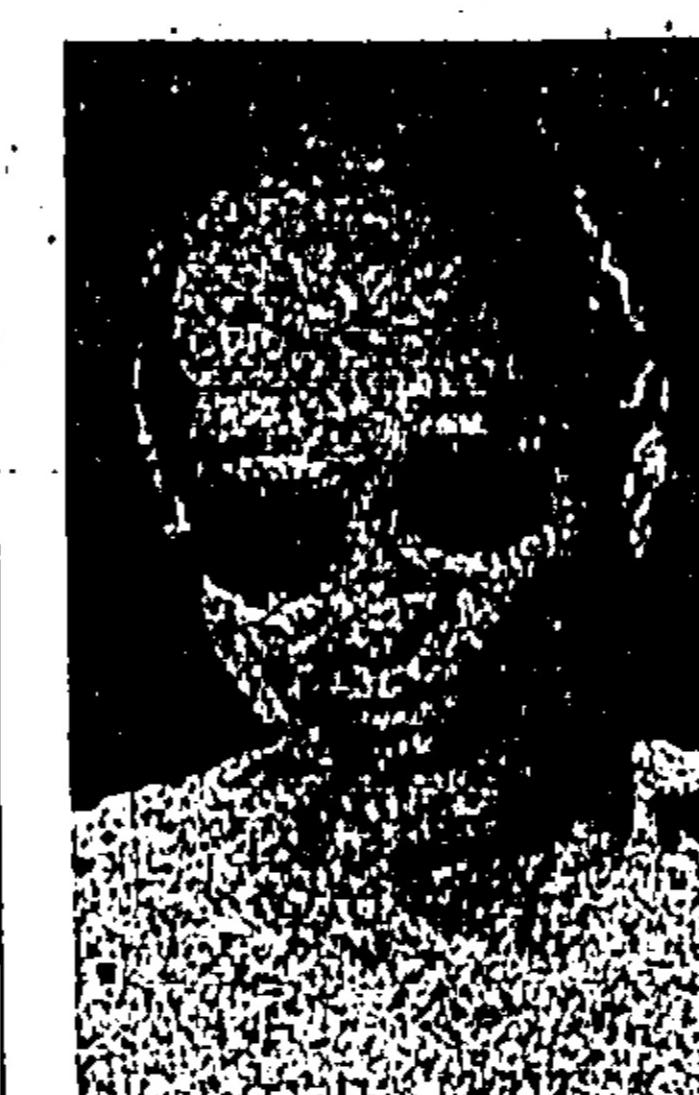
Hitherto there has been no direct evidence that the Chinese Reds in Manchuria have been assisted directly by the Russians. Nevertheless, the story dovetailed into Fan Han-chieh's statement which said that "certain quarters" are hiring coolie labour for the removal of industrial equipment in Red-held areas.

Eight additional arrests have been made and small sums of American dollars and a number of account books were seized. No foreigners were involved in the arrests.—Reuter.

The traveller from Fushin alleged that he saw Soviet military men riding in a car. He said they inspected mines and power stations after which they arrested.—Reuter.

#### PICTURE OF THE DAY

#### India's New G.G.



## SLUMP IN SHANGHAI Reaction To Ban On Transfers

Shanghai, May 13. Foreign as well as Chinese stock quotations slumped heavily today, following the Central Bank's decision to ban the free transfer of foreign securities.

The regulations, banning the exportation as well as the importation of foreign securities—made known in a circular last night—implied that securities may be transacted with the approval of the financial authorities.

#### Appeal To The Premier

London, May 13. Civil servants are to appeal to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, to decide the rights of men and women removed from work in Government offices on the ground that they are Communists or Fascists.

Negotiations between the staff and the Government representatives have broken down, the Treasury disclosed today.

The stumbling block was the trade union demand that civil servants suspended or transferred from their usual work should have the assistance of a trade union representative if and when he appeared before an advisory committee set up by the Government.

The Ministry of Finance is reported to have told the Commissars that under no circumstances should the number of spindles in the Shanghai area be reduced and only special applications should be considered.—Reuter.

#### Executions Of Bandits

Canton, May 13. Twenty-five bandits (Communists), taken prisoners during the present "bandit suppression" campaign in Northern Kwangtung, were executed en masse at Nam Hung on May 4, according to a Central News report.

This is the largest number of bandits to be executed at a time since the Kwangtung-Kiang-Han bandit suppression campaign few months ago.

The execution, by shooting, took place in the midst of a large crowd of spectators.—Reuter.

#### EMMY GOERING INDICTED

Munich, May 13. Emmy Goering, widow of the Reichsmarshal, was indicted by the King's order—a compromise between a court and a gaolers' party, and the King and Queen, and members of the Royal Family, moved informally among the guests.

For the first time since the war, the State Apartments on the first floor of the Palace were used and a long marquee stood in the grounds with a covered way from the saloon to the buffets, where tea was served.

The women wore afternoon gowns and the men lounge suits or uniform.—Reuter.

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#### Red Threat In East

Washington, May 13. A Congressional report published today said that Soviet diplomacy was "banding every effort to move the Russian Army into the Near East, and the Kremlin will manufacture situations enabling it to do so if they fall to develop."

The report, the latest installment of findings in a study by the House Foreign Affairs Committee of the strategy and tactics of world Communism, declared: "Only this army can achieve the desired results within the allotted period of time."—Reuter.

#### Debutantes Presented At Court

London, May 13. Many debutantes of Britain and the Empire were presented today to the King and Queen at the first presentation party this year, attended by over 4,000 guests at Buckingham Palace.

For the girls and their escorts, attendance at this party counts as a formal presentation. The debutantes did not, however, have to make the complicated and precarious low curtsey which was customary at the formal evening courts before the war.

Instead, they gave the simple "bow" or abbreviated curtsey made to Royalty on ordinary occasions. The men bowed.

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#### DENIS BOYD MEETS PRESIDENT

Nanking, May 13. President and Madame Ching Kai-shek entertained Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, and Lady Boyd at a tea party at their official residence yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the party were Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador to China, and Lady Stevenson, and other distinguished British officials in the capital. Central News.

## Red Tape In The Colonial Service

London, May 12. British colonial civil servants in West and East Africa are exasperated with the amount of "paper work" they have to do, and one administrator has resigned because of it.

Lord Rennell, Liberal Peer, asserted in the House of Lords tonight that five officers recently back from Africa all told the same story.

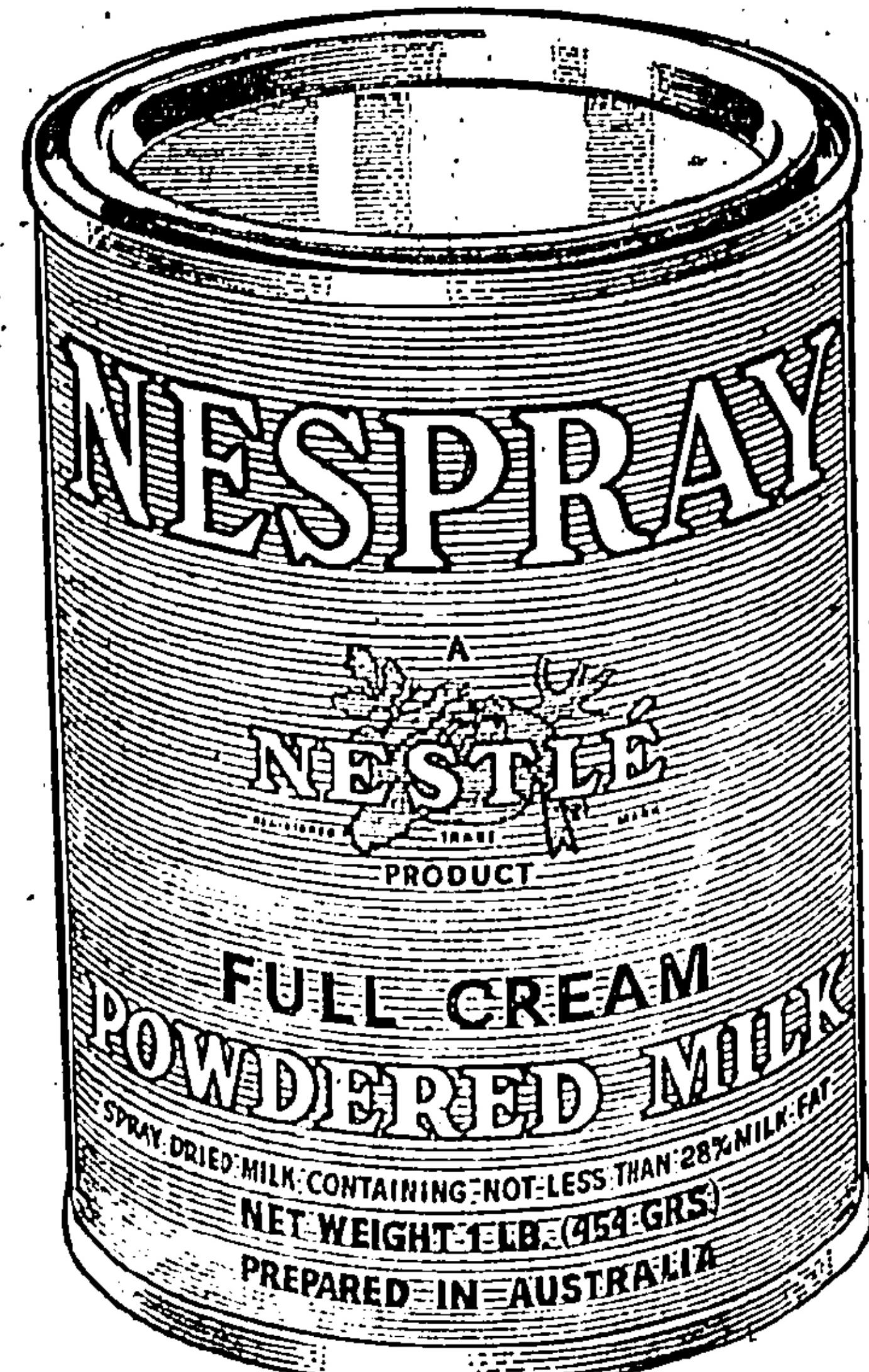
He said they found themselves tied to their offices with no time to get round their districts and see people. They were "inundated with papers and cried for returns from the Secretariat."

Some of the men who had come back thought they were brought into Colonial Service under false pretences, he said.

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## COURT ARGUMENT OVER SHIPMENT OF HIDES

Arising out of the alleged failure to take delivery of 500 shaved buffalo hides ordered for shipment in May, 1947, a claim for damages of \$10,614.90 was filed by the Wo Loong Hong, Bank of China Building, against the Canton Overseas Trading Co., exporters, of Holland House, for breach of contract.

The claim was for loss on resale of the hides, being the difference between the contract price and current market price on August 6, 1947.

The case was heard yesterday by the Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams.

The plaintiffs were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. Sydney Ng Quinn. Defendants were represented by Mr. B. A. Bernucci, instructed by Mr. F. E. Hammond.

Mr. d'Almada said that on or about April 29, 1947, a contract in writing was entered into between plaintiffs and defendants for the sale and purchase of 500 shaved buffalo hides for shipment in May 1947 at \$245.00 per piece, less 12%, F.O.B. Hong Kong.

The hides were ready for defendants in May but they failed to take delivery. It was submitted that as the sale was on F.O.B. basis, the duty of sellers was to deliver the goods.

## Counter-Claim

The defence pleaded that the contract was on the express condition that shipment should have been made in May, and since plaintiffs failed to deliver, so that defendants failed to deliver delivery after that date unless their buyers in Turkey agreed to an extended time of shipment, which was not forthcoming, so that they refused to take delivery.

They filed a counter-claim for damages for breach of contract by plaintiffs in failing to make delivery within contract time. Mr. d'Almada said that the hides were in fact ready for defendants sometime after May 15, and when they did not come to make the selections they were reminded by plaintiffs of the pending expiry of the contract date on May 30.

This reminder was repeated several times in early June, each time the answer was that defendants were too busy and said they would come in a few days.

On June 12 two fokors from the defendants came and selected 120 pieces, and on June 22 they again came and selected the remaining 380 pieces, which were all duly packed.

On June 23 a debit-note was sent to defendants who put off payment by stating that their money was tied up with other shipments. No hint or suggestion was made that delivery was out of time. Plaintiffs were just put off from time to time.

It was not till July 1 that plaintiffs were told that defendants' overseas buyers objected to this late delivery. This was communicated to plaintiffs over

## SOLICITING CHARGE

In the dock at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F.X. d'Almada was a 31-year-old married woman Cheung Mei-yung charged with soliciting for an immoral purpose at Ice House Street and hiring a 20-year-old girl for the purpose of prostitution.

At the request of Social Welfare Officer A.C. Tribble, defendant, who was not represented legally, was remanded.

A decree nisi granted on Feb. 7, 1948, in favour of Terence Arthur Leonard, who petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage to Dorothy Leonard, was made absolute by the Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, yesterday.

Petitioner was represented by Mr. A. M. L. Soares of Messrs. Britton & Co.

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## Reminders

Today  
St. Andrew's Club, annual meeting, at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6.30 p.m.  
Engineering Society of H.K., annual dinner, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 7.30 p.m.  
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Opening night of "The Spoiled Princess," presented by the Wah Yan Dramatic Society, at Wah Yan College, Robinson Rd., 8.30 p.m.  
Recital of classical music, European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., annual meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.  
Social Morning, European YMCA (Ladies Section), 10 a.m.

Coming Events  
Guard of Honour, Farewell Parade, for Maj.-Gen. Eric Murray, Murray Parade Ground, 10 a.m.

Second Night presentation of "The Spoiled Princess," at Wah Yan College, Robinson Rd., 8.30 p.m.

Wappingshaw Competition, Flippin Club, King's Park, 8 p.m.

## COURT SEQUEL TO PIRACY

As the result of seizures by the Police of 302, Nathan Road, first floor, when they took into custody Keung Kin-chung alias Lui Pui (45), on suspicion of being connected with the piracy on board the s.s. "Van Heutz" on Dec. 14 last, Keung's concubine had been left with nothing to live on, said Mr. P. J. Clifford when he applied to Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for the release of some of the property seized.

Mr. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, said that a great deal of property was taken by the Police about a month ago. Some belonged to the accused and some was claimed by his wife.

Defense counsel claimed for the return of property which the Police have no lien on or could not suspect to have been the proceeds of the piracy. Among them was \$100 U.S. currency claimed by the accused, H.K.\$1,000 and some gold ornaments claimed by the wife.

No U.S. dollars were listed among the losses in the piracy. The gold ornaments were purchased by the wife in Hong Kong with her own money, said defense counsel.

Mr. L.R. Whant, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Kowloon), strongly opposed the application. On the ship that was pirated there were nearly 2,000 passengers, now scattered all over the Far East, and the Police are still endeavouring to get them to come forward to identify their property.

In all, said Mr. Whant, over \$52,000 were found in different parts of the room occupied by Keung. The two \$500 notes that the concubine was claiming were given to her for house expenses.

In a statement to the Police, said Mr. Whant, the concubine said that she had paid all the notes of smaller denominations given her for expenses and kept the two \$500 bills as they were easier to keep.

## No Objection

The Police had no objection to the return of US\$100 to the concubine, Wong Pu-chan, said Mr. Whant who added that under the law of criminal procedure, money seized could be taken as the proceeds of the piracy and paid out as compensation to the victims.

Investigations were not yet complete, continued ADCI Whant, and the Police were not in a position to say if any of the property seized by them were not the proceeds of the piracy. The application for the return of the \$1,000 and gold ornaments could be brought up at a later stage.

On Mr. Clifford applying for defendants to be remanded in gaol, and not Police custody in future, Mr. Whant said the Police was quite agreeable and, in turn, applied for the case to be transferred to the Hong Kong Courts to facilitate future remands.

The case was formally remanded for one week.

Mr. Hall returned to Canton where he left Canton were members of the consular staff and many Chinese and foreign friends.

Mr. Hall returned to Canton where he served as consul-general. During his time in Canton, he succeeded in recovering British lands and establishing in Canton and elsewhere in Kwangtung and in returning to British owners some 70 vessels which the Japanese took from Hong Kong.

Mr. Hall has been in China more than 25 years as a foreign service official.

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## SMOKED IN COURT

"There are so many people around you and not one is smoking. The next time you appear before this Court or any other court with the same offence you'll be sentenced," Mr. F.X. d'Almada warned a Chinese who was caught smoking in Court yesterday by Inspector H. Moran.

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J. JOLLY,  
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The Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th May to the 27th May, 1948 both days inclusive during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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J. JOLLY,  
Director of Marine,  
Marine Department,  
Hong Kong, 12th May, 1948.

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14th May, 1948.

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Tenders will close on the 22nd May, 1948.

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Signed A. J. BUTCHER,  
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On Friday, 14th May, 1948.

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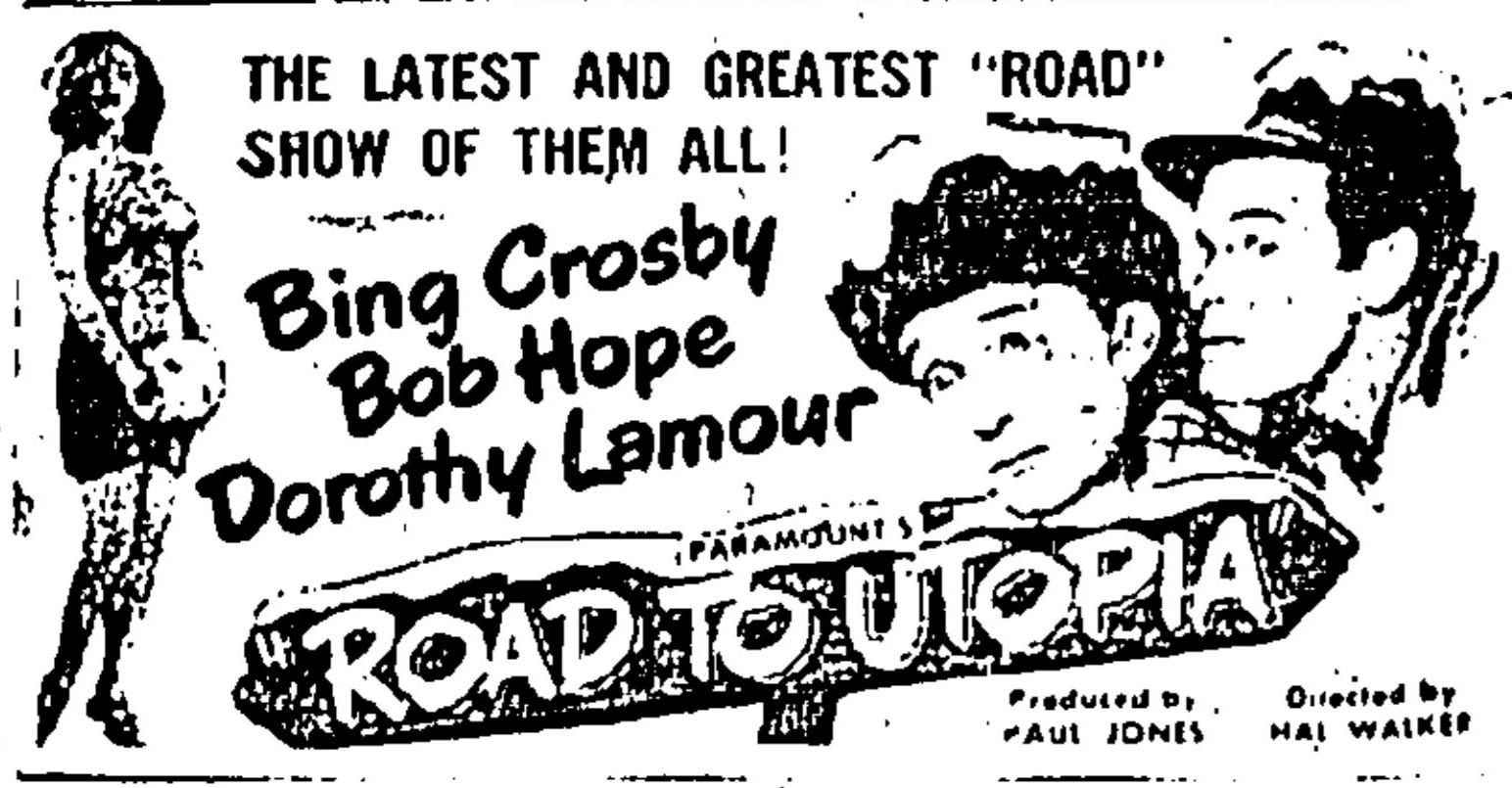
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# QUEEN WILHELMINA TO ABDICATE In Favour Of The Princess Juliana

The Hague, May 12. Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands would abdicate at the beginning of September in favour of Princess Juliana, it was announced tonight. Queen Wilhelmina made the announcement herself in a broadcast to the nation. It was only at the request of Princess Juliana, the Queen added, that she had postponed her abdication until after August 31 (her 68th birthday) and the celebration of her Golden Jubilee.

As a reason for her decision, the Queen gave her age and "a decline of the power of resistance and ability to work and of the powers which are indispensable to the spirit in taking responsible decisions in the profound and complicated problems of which there are so many in the present time."

The Queen told the Dutch people: "I have come to the conclusion that not I, but a younger person must cooperate in my stand to bring to a satisfactory solution the unusual complex of problems which hold us and the whole of mankind in their grip."

She added: "At this moment I appeal to you most earnestly, in these times of violence and danger, close your ranks; unite and unite again."

## Heavy Task

"The good qualities which we were able to develop during all after the war have aroused confidence and appreciation beyond our frontiers among all those who are of good will wherever in the world."

"Show that you are equal to the great times in which we live, with a broad view of world events and with understanding for the reality which concerns us all," the Queen said.

The Queen said yesterday, May 12, 1939, when it was 40 years ago that her unfortunate father was sworn in and installed: "I believe that I can choose no better day than this day, which is a year of a centenary, to speak to you about the re-introduction of the Regency of my daughter and plans for the future."

"Too great a fatigue which benefits neither my work nor my health and which has no opportunity to pass under the pressure of the execution of my heavy task compels me for the second time to resort to a Regency. But there is more."

## Feeling Of Duty

After explaining her reason for the abdication, she added:

"I am faced with this sober reality and although I am continually and fully aware that

the number of extra tricks by the declarer.

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(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)

North East South West

Pass 1 D 2 H

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How should South play for 6-No Trump after West leads the spade 2?

## Communists Banned

Sydney, May 12. The Returned Servicemen's League, Australia's largest ex-servicemen's organisation, today banned Communists from membership in the organisation.

The Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen, the Air Force Association, and several other veterans' organisations have already banned Communists. The Australian Communist Party said last week that more active party work was needed in ex-servicemen's organisations.—Reuter.

## PETAIN'S DOCTOR PASSES

Rochelle, May 12. The La Rochelle police, quoting authorities in Port Johnston on the Island of Yeu, said today that Dr Paul Imbert, personal physician of former Marshal Petain, died there today after taking an overdose of sleeping pills.

Imbert, 51, had been Petain's doctor since the Vichy leader's imprisonment on the Bay of Biscay island.

The police said that Imbert was suffering from an "incurable disease."—United Press.

which manifests itself in the actions and neglect which handicapped the resistance in the war years and even cost the lives of many good Hollanders, and which is still present in our people."

She concluded: "Face the future shoulder to shoulder with Juliana. God bless you and my beloved child."—Reuter.

**Spirit Of Neglect**

"I have carefully considered all the consequences."

"All these problems have one thing in common: that they will demand your attention for a long time to come."

The Queen continued: "We must together conquer the spirit,

## Tightening Up Foreign Exchange

Shanghai, May 13. The Central Bank of China, in a measure further tightening the control of foreign exchange, yesterday notified appointed banks (banks authorised to buy and sell foreign exchange) that the importation and exportation of foreign securities will be subject to a new set of rules.

The free movement of such securities will in future be permitted only in special circumstances which have to be demonstrated to the Central Bank.

The new measure will affect shares of those foreign companies above all, which before the war had been registered in Shanghai, since many of these companies converted their capital into foreign currencies in the meantime.

Dr P. H. Ho, Chairman of the Export-Import Board, meanwhile, defended the 50 per cent deposit of licensed exchange imposed on importers in an address before the Foreign Trade Association of China yesterday.

He said the step was "to prevent excessive profits at the expense of the Government."

Dr Ho stressed also the necessity for stepping-up exports to get more foreign exchange and conserve exchange by curtailing imports.—Reuter.

## LOVE AFFAIR

Manila, May 13. Augustina Acu, aged 100, complained to the police that she was annoyed by a 70-year-old suitor who broke into her house and began making love to her.

She grabbed a piece of wood and hit his head, while her daughter called the police.—United Press.

## RADIO

ZBWB Hong Kong broadcasting on 945 megacycles from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m.—and from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., and also on 9,55 megacycles in the 81 metre band from 18:30 to 19:00, 19:30 to 19:45, and 21:00 to 21:30 p.m.

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12:15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father Gilham, SJ. (Studio)

12:30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary

12:32 p.m.—Jack Payne and His Orchestra

1:00 p.m.—Sharp's Honolulu Hawaiian

1:15 p.m.—News, Weather Report, and Announcements

1:20 p.m.—Interlude

1:30 p.m.—Strings with Wings: The Hawaiian Singers with Millett Phillips and Wilfred Barnes (Vocal). (G.I.R.B.)

2:00 p.m.—Close Down

2:00 p.m.—Programme Summary

6:00 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: Songs from Boys and Girls introduced by Donald Fraser (Studio)

6:30 p.m.—One Night Stand! Presented by Philip Burn. (Studio)

7:00 p.m.—Harry and His Music (B.B.C.T.B.)

7:15 p.m.—Mans Traditional Songs (B.B.C.T.B.)

7:30 p.m.—The Banjo of Marriage—A West Country Comedy by Charles Lee (B.B.C.T.B.)

8:00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay)

8:15 p.m.—Radio Revellers (O.R.B.S.)

8:30 p.m.—Gibson and Sullivan's Episode 2 "The Partnership Begins" (B.B.C.T.B.)

9:00 p.m.—Popular Classics

10:00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay)

10:15 p.m.—Weather Report

10:30 p.m.—Dance to Victor Ellister's Ballroom Orchestra

10:45 p.m.—Selections from Opera

11:00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay)

11:15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down

## QUEENS & ALHAMBRA

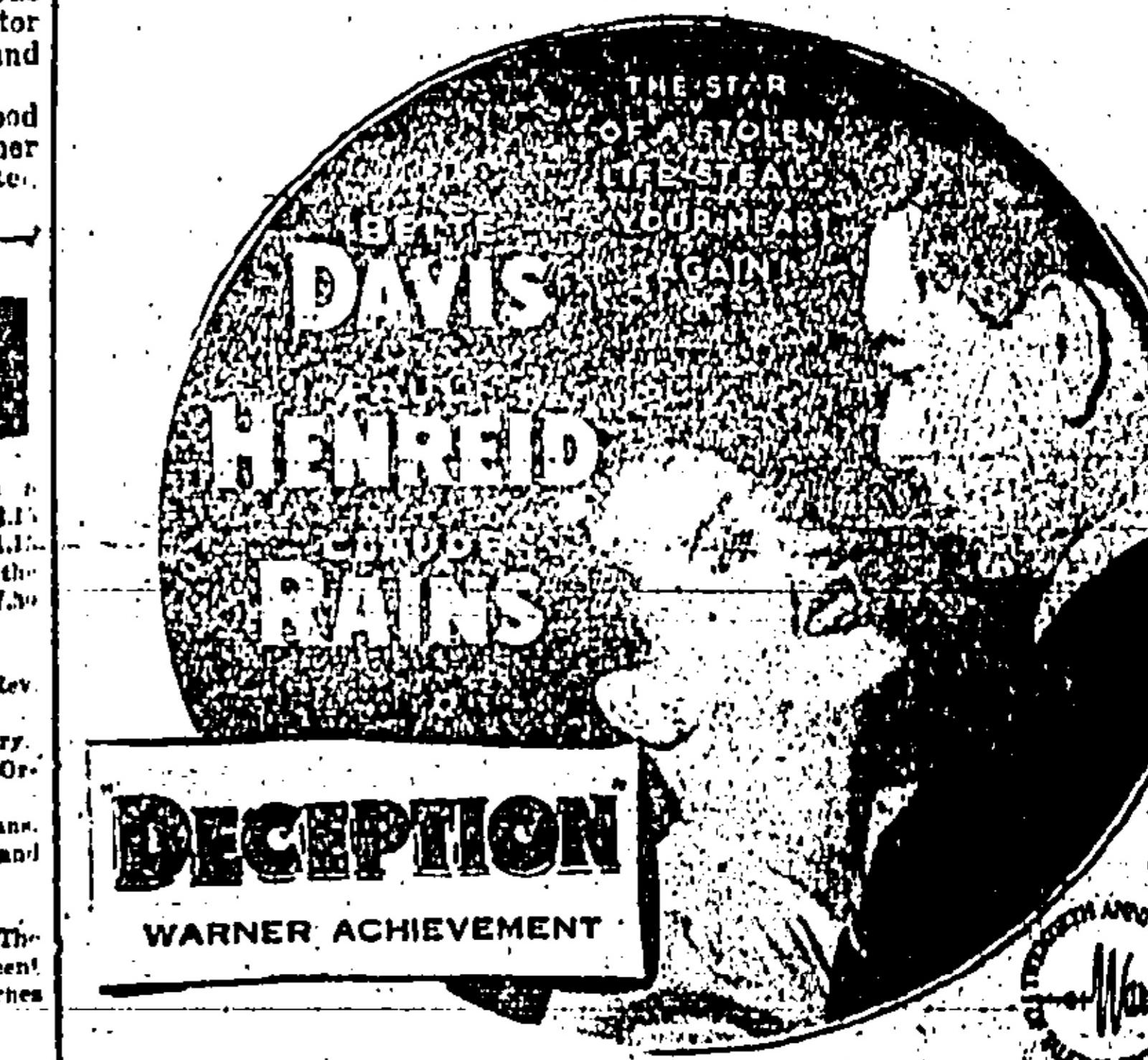
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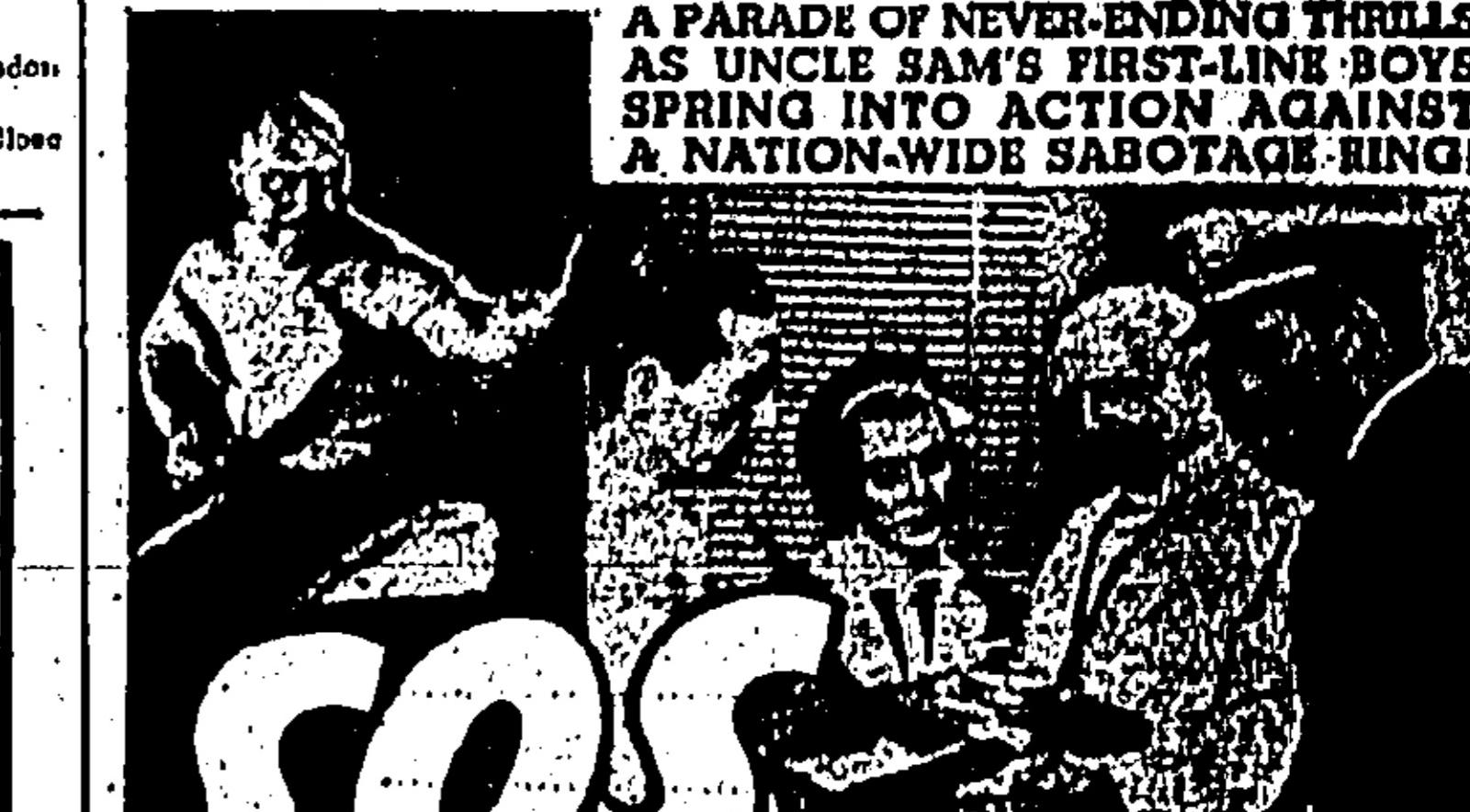
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## H.K.'S PLACE IN INDUSTRY

The hint that an attempt may be made to organise a boycott of Japanese goods, in protest against the American bid to swell the volume of Japanese textile exports, has nothing whatever to command it. In the first place, it is undoubtedly premature to become alarmed at once at the threat of Japanese rivalry. The world is still short of goods and this is especially true of Asia. It will be some time, even with the energetic programme sponsored by SCAP, and the liberal assistance being given to Japan to secure for her the necessary raw materials in quantity, before there is any prospect of competition intensifying to the cut-throat stage.

There is moreover only one sound answer when that stage is reached: to produce equally good textiles at a comparable price. The outcry of local manufacturers who have been enjoying the bountiful rewards of a seller's market is not difficult to understand. A clear field and all the favours is not a position to be surrendered with indifference. But some time or other manufacturers in Hong Kong and Shanghai were bound to come face to face with the realities of economics.

Displeasing as the facts may be they are inescapable. The key points which make Japanese competition such a "tearsome" thing are that Nippon employs the most modern of methods, and that the Japanese worker is an industrious individual prepared to work for very long hours for very low wages. Hong Kong's leading weavers have had ample warning and advice in plenty to make use of the opportunity of very large rewards for their enterprise in the last eighteen months by a forward-looking policy diverting a reasonable proportion of profits to the purchase of new plant and the modernising of factories. No one will urge anything suggestive of a return to sweatshop conditions. Costs of production can, however, be cut, and cut drastically, by eliminating the factors which tend to call for the employment of ten men where, in a modern factory, one man would do.

Nothing can prevent a very determined bid by Japan, with America's aid, to restore herself a high place in the world economy, and nothing could be more shortsighted than attempts to obstruct the development. Japan's industrial energy is necessary to the economy of the Far East at large if we in this part of the world are to break out of this era of exorbitant prices, prohibitive labour costs and antiquated productive methods. When Napoleon died, Metternich said: "Romance is over. We are back in history." A modern Metternich, or a Goschen, would say to-day, in reference to trade prospects: "The seller's market is over. We are back in history." A modern Metternich, or a Goschen, would say to-day, in reference to trade prospects: "The seller's market is over. We are back in history."

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## Churchill's Memoirs

## THE MEASURELESS ORDEAL

I dined in the Commander-in-Chief, I motored from Loch Ewe to Inverness, where our train awaited us. We had a picnic lunch on the way by a stream, sparkling in hot sunshine. I felt oddly oppressed with my memories.

"For God's sake let us sit upon the ground."

"And tell old stories of the deaths of kings."

No one had ever been over the same terrible course twice, with such an interval between. No one had felt its dangers and responsibilities from the summit as I had or, to descend to a small point, understand how First Lords of the Admiralty are treated when great ships are sunk and things go wrong. If we were in fact going over the same cycle a second time, should I have once

landing-deck, she happened, in her unpredictable course, by what may have been a hundred-to-one chance, to meet a U-boat.

Out of her crew of 1,200 over 500 were drowned, including Capt. Macleod-Jones, who went down with his ship. Three days before another of our aircraft-carriers, later to become famous, HMS Ark Royal, had also been attacked, by a submarine while similarly engaged. Mercifully the torpedoes missed, and her assailant was promptly sunk by her escorting destroyers.

Towards the end of the month I thought it would be well for me to give the House some coherent story of what was happening and why. Mr. Chamberlain readily assented, and accordingly

fact it recorded the failure of the first German U-boat attack upon our trade. My fears were for the future, but our preparations for 1941 were now proceeding with all possible speed and on the largest scale since our vast resources would allow.

By the end of September I could feel that I had effectively taken over the great Department which I knew so well and loved with a discriminating eye. I now knew what there was in hand and on the way. I knew where everything was. I had visited all the principal naval ports and met all the commanders-in-chief.

On the whole, the month had been prosperous and fruitful for the Navy. We had made the immense, delicate and hazardous transition from peace to war.

Our Allies also played their part. The French took an important share in the control of the Mediterranean. In Home Waters and the Bay of Biscay our Allies also helped in the battle against the U-boats, and in the central Atlantic a powerful force based on Dakar formed part of the Allied fleet against surface raiders.

The young Polish Navy distinguished itself. Early in the war three modern destroyers and two submarines, Wilk and Orzel, escaped from Poland and, defying the German forces in the Baltic, succeeded in reaching England.

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In the ensuing weeks the submarine was continually hunted by sea and air patrols, but eventually, without even charts, made her escape from the Baltic into the North Sea. Here she was able to transmit a faint wireless signal to a British station giving her supposed position, and on October 14 was met and escorted by a British destroyer.

can our shipping soon again move through this invaluable corridor. Meanwhile the transport of the Expeditionary Force to France was proceeding smoothly.

The blockade of Germany was being enforced by similar methods to those employed in the previous war. The Northern Patrol had been established between Scotland and Iceland, and by the end of the first month a total of nearly 300,000 tons of goods destined for Germany had been seized in prize against a loss to ourselves of 140,000 tons by enemy action at sea.

Overseas, our cruisers were hunting down German ships while at the same time providing cover against attacks on our shipping by raiders. German shipping had thus come to a standstill, as with few exceptions it had sought shelter in neutral waters on the outbreak of war.

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## In the Tower building to-day, the doors of the empty cells swing idly open. Outside each

one can be seen the meter which registered the number of turns made by prisoners' wheels

inside every cell, and also the thumbscrew which tightened or slackened the brake.

(China Mail photo)

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Don't worry, killer... we'll plan a temporary escape."

## Historical HK Gaol Tower

## Disappearing

One of the oldest buildings in the Colony, and one with the grimdest story of the past to tell, is at present being torn down. It is the Old Tower Block, a medieval-like structure which has stood at the side of the Victoria Barracks, Prison and Joining Central Police Station for well over 40 years.

During that time within its sombre granite walls have met the cranks who were hung or hanged by hanging and many others have entered the round but first floor of the Tower and stood in the centre to receive the corporal punishment that justice demanded they should take.

At the side of the Tower, the "hanging space"—a square cut into the concrete slab at the top of the first floor steps—still remains, and above it can be seen the marks left by a pole which was erected horizontally for the suspension of the hanging rope. Within it are 8,000 times for the mid-day meal and 3,140 times for supper.

Outside this cell, the iron crank registered "on a tiny meter" the number of turns which were made, and underneath a small thumb screw adjusted the brake.

A visiting Justice to the

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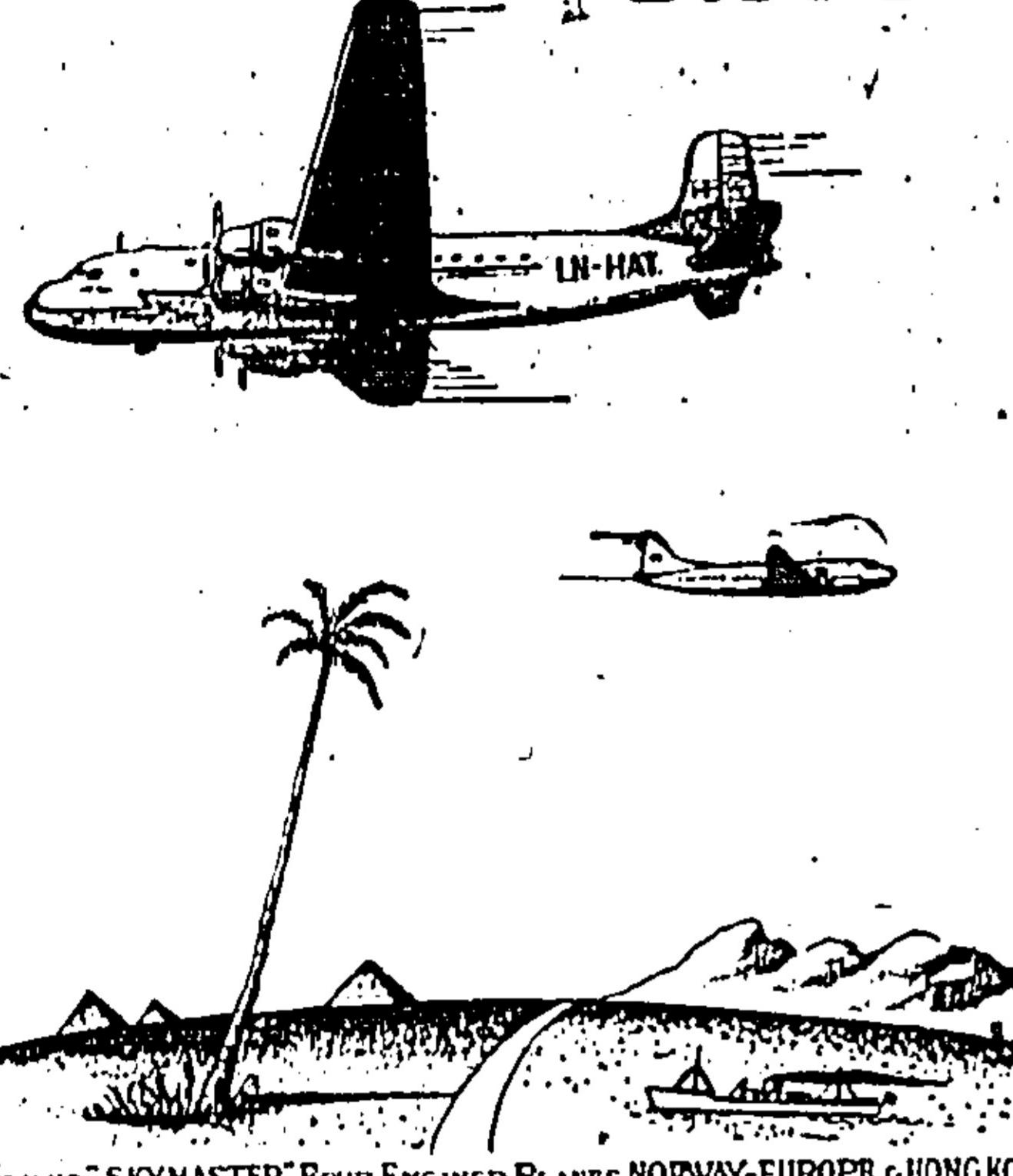
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# CARDS ON THE TABLE

## Mr. Bevin's Attitude On The Soviet Move

### Danger Of Terrible Disappointment

London, May 12. In the House of Commons, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, declared that unless the ground could be cleared first, a conference with Russia "is going to land us exactly where we were after the four-power Conference" (the reference was to the last Council of Foreign Ministers which broke up in London on December 15 last year). Mr. Bevin said: "If a conference was held and broke down, it would cause such a terrible disappointment in the world."

"I still believe the ground can be cleared by a diplomatic approach, an exchange of views, and trying to understand what it is that everyone is trying to get."

There would have to be a good deal of "putting the cards on the table face upwards" before Britain entered into another conference.

He was not aware of the negotiations between Russia and the United States until he heard the Moscow Radio announcement of Russia's agreement to discuss differences with the United States, but he had now been fully informed on the matter by the American Government.

Emphasising his anxiety for peace, Mr. Bevin declared:

"But I cannot get peace in the world if I have to ask the Western powers and the powers in other parts of the world to sacrifice their principles and their spiritual beliefs in order to fit in with something with which they do not agree."

## Too Many Failures

Mr. Bevin said: "I want to be quite frank—I am not anxious to enter into a further conference until the ground has been cleared. I have had too many failures. A good deal of preparatory work has to be done."

Mr. Bevin protested that the clearing of ground for an understanding was almost impossible when Moscow Radio, against diplomatic usage, announced a reply to the United States Government before the latter had received it.

"I would like to remind the House," he said, "that the Government always have been and remain anxious for a general solution on a world-wide basis, if that is possible."

## Britain To Reduce Population?

London, May 12. Britain must plan to reduce her population "to a point where the economy can be balanced", Sir Ronald Weeks, a prominent industrialist, told the Royal Empire Society here today after world tour.

Sir Ronald, a wartime Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff, said there should also be a proportionate dispersal of industry in the Empire and further decentralisation of Empire defences.

"Emigration must be planned on a much greater and bolder scale and it must not be of a certain group of people—the able-bodied—but of whole communities, including the young and old."

Describing the redistribution of Britain's population as a "war operation," the general said it called for "great statesmanship and political harmony within the Empire."—Reuter.

## PAPER BANNED

Berlin, May 12. The British authorities in Germany have banned the circulation in the British Zone of "Neue Zeit", the German-language version of the Moscow paper, "New Times".

It was banned because of "flagrant and consistent violations" of a Control Commission directive forbidding attacks on the Allies in the German press.—Reuter.

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### How To Fight In Far East

London, May 12. Britain's fighting Services are to study how to fight a war in the Far East when they meet on "Exercise Bam-Bam" at the Camberley Staff College in Surrey, from May 24 to May 29.

General Sir Montagu Stopford, who commanded the 12th Army during the Burma Campaign, is preparing the exercise in collaboration with the Navy and the Air Force.

This third annual exercise, ordered by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, follows a flight of six Lincoln bombers from England to Singapore last month to demonstrate how a British striking force can be provided at short notice on the other side of the world.—Reuter.

**House Of Lords**

## Reform

### ATTLEE WILL NOT TRY AGAIN

London, May 12. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today ruled out the possibility of an immediate agreement between the Labour Government and the Conservative Opposition on reform of the House of Lords.

A great deal of time had already been spent in seeking an agreement between the two parties, he told the House of Commons. But there had been failure and he did not think it would be useful to reopen the discussions at the present moment.

The discussions between the two parties followed the Government's announcement that it would reform the Upper Chamber to admit elected Members, to limit the hereditary principle and cut the period during which the House of Lords may hold up legislation passed by the House of Commons.

The talks broke down after a deadlock over the latter point.

"Widespread regret" was expressed in the press and in political quarters that the discussions have ended unsuccessfully after so much had been agreed.—Reuter.

**Pakistan And Australia**

## Sydney, May 12.

Negotiations for a trade pact between Australia and Pakistan are proceeding, but still appear to have some way to go.

The Pakistan Trade Commissioner in Australia, Mr. R. H. Rahim, commenting on a Sydney Morning Herald report from New Delhi that a trade pact was about to be effected, said negotiations were going on, but he knew nothing of an impending pact.

Officials of the Australian Commerce Department in Canberra said a pact was possible in a few months as the outcome of the recent Geneva tariff agreement between Australia, India and Pakistan.

The Department's latest bulletin stated that when private negotiations were resumed, the present tariff might give way to a comprehensive agreement on the most favoured nation principle.—Reuter.

**Disease Conquest To Aid Trade**

Washington, May 13. The conquest of tropical diseases would stimulate world trade, meet the fundamental needs of the people of the world, and was one of the most important requirements of the present world situation, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said today.

Mr. Marshall was speaking at the opening session of a 10-day meeting of the Congresses on Medical-Medicine-and-Malaria, at which 2,000 doctors have gathered from 41 nations.

He said the meetings were "convincing evidence that our world is not a conglomeration of geographic entities, but a vast neighbourhood of peoples."

Mr. Marshall said the tropical regions held the key to overcoming weakness and inefficiency from disease and to increasing foodstuff production on low-yielding lands.

He termed these two fields "tremendously important requirements of the world situation."

He added: "The tropics are the habitation of perhaps half the human race, but a large portion of these people lack

greatly in the advantages of modern civilisation. A chief factor in restricting improvement in these respects is tropical disease."

"Little" imagination is required to visualise the great increase in the production of food and raw materials, the stimulus to world trade, and above all the improvement in living conditions, with the consequent social and cultural advances, that would result from the conquest of tropical diseases."

The Conference on Friday will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the discovery of Sir Ronald Ross, the British physician, that malaria is carried by mosquitoes.—Reuter.

**FORMAL OFFER TO RESIGN**

Rome, May 12. Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Christian Democrat Prime Minister, handed the formal resignation of his Government to Italy's new President, 75-year-old Signor Luigi Einaudi, tonight.

The President refused to accept the resignation, a Government communiqué announced.

Earlier, Signor Einaudi had taken the oath of office in the Italian Parliament as President of the Republic.—Reuter.

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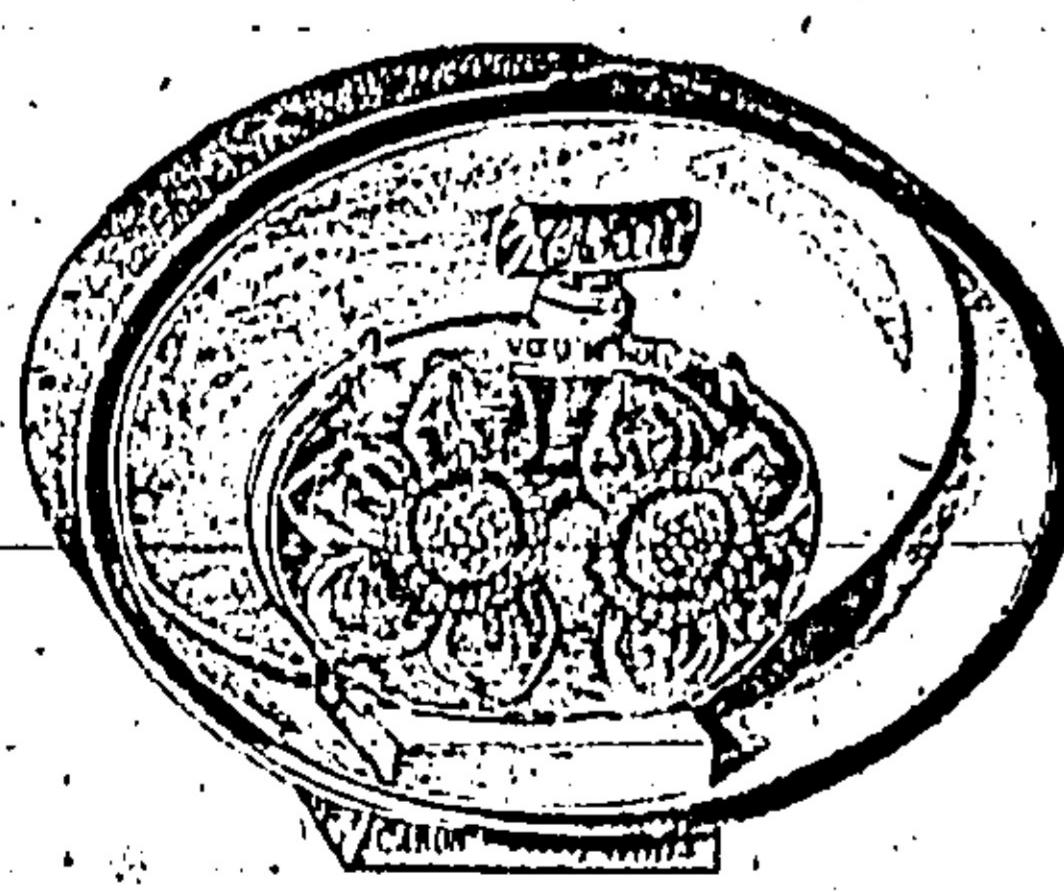
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## CINEMA WORLD

### HE ADDED TO THE GAIETY OF NATIONS

Here is a profile, by a Hollywood reporter, of a German film-maker who became a Hollywood celebrity, whose films set the whole world laughing at itself—Ernst Lubitsch.

There will be no more or those delightful, sophisticated comedies Ernst Lubitsch made for the infant German and American film.

On the other hand, I wonder if anyone ever made so many pictures which could be seen by millions of families, and yet were never an insult to any mature intelligence?

As he grew older, some of the impishness went out of Lubitsch, and he yielded to American familyism without ever losing his freshness or spontaneity. His musicals with Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald and others are still artistically the best types of the musical film Hollywood has made.

They had what is meant by motion in the motion picture, which is not merely physical motion, although in his case it was accompanied by that. There was a sort of swinging, lifting joyfulness in the mere fact of living—the almost bewildering delight of the motion picture fraternity, which loved him as perhaps it has loved no other worker in its midst.

It was never possible to talk with him without feeling as if you were smiling inwardly, deeply, and perhaps even a little impudently at some good and probably impudent joke on your betters, whoever they may have been.

Lubitsch's eyes, which were dark, under that dark lock of hair which fell over his forehead, were very searching eyes indeed; and you were pretty sure, by the time you had been with him a few minutes, that he understood you a good deal better than you understood him, although there was no particular complexity about him, beyond his intensity. He talked little, unless he was riding a subject of real interest to himself, when he could be eloquent, even with an accent.

#### Spoof Specialist

His spoofing of the German military caste—of all military castes—and of the middle-European nobility, and his love of peasant robustness, peasant humor, and peasant love could have been synthetic, for he was born in Berlin and educated there. But they came upon the American film scene with extraordinary freshness and vivacity.

Such pictures as "Ninotchka," in which he spoofed the Communists with the best humor in the world, and "The Patriot," in which he put Emil Jannings

through the excruciating madness of Emperor folly, showed that bigger themes were not beyond him.

In fact, there was a more passionate pilgrimage in him somewhere, which, while it had a hard time getting out through his cloak of humor, was not without the fire and ice of genuine feeling.

I suppose his humor was a genuine German theatrical

#### Current Shows

QUEEN'S.—"Three Darling Daughters": Love 'n' laughter, with Jeanette MacDonald and Jose Iturbi (M-G-M).

KING'S—"Fun and Fancy Free": Walt Disney's latest full-length musical cartoon (R.K.O.).

LEE—"Deception": Bette Davis and Paul Henreid in a gripping drama (Warner's).

ALHAMBRA.—"Three Darling Daughters" (M-G-M).



"SLAVE GIRL": Yvonne De Carlo, manacled by captured American sailors in the Universal Int'l. release, "Slave Girl."



"I MUST GO NOW." Vronsky (Kieron Moore) leaves Anna (Vivien Leigh) and her brother Stepan (Hugh Dempster), to take part in a steeplechase. A scene from the much-talked-about "Anna Karenina," which will be shown next week in Hong Kong.

Hollywood people use to claim the slightest prestige for accomplishment.

It is difficult to say if he has left true disciples. There is more than a touch of his manner in the work of Henry Blanke, who was so long his assistant and has produced some memorable films.

Perhaps the whole film world is his real heir. He gave it joyance, and liveliness, and often point.

I should think that not alone

Hollywood and the film makers would miss him. He added measurably, for a while at least, and when it was reasonably possible, to the gaiety of nations.

### 'Free Trade'

#### In Films

Optimistic regarding the future of international trade relations in the motion picture field, Jack L. Warner, production head of Warner Bros. Pictures, returned recently to Los Angeles after more than two months spent in surveying conditions, and concluding arrangements, for his company in England and on the continent.

"A new British-American film trade agreement will be made this spring," said Warner, "and in spite of some restrictive quotas on Hollywood products, I am satisfied that the real future of all international film relations—not alone with England—is in the hands of the hundreds of millions of theater-goers themselves. Encirclement cannot be created by legislation. It can be excluded or curtailed by quotas, license requirements and other controls, but only with consequent loss to both sides."

#### "Artificial Barriers"

"It is futile for two great nations to set up artificial barriers against the free interchange of creative art and constructive films, which can work importantly for better international understanding and the strengthening of world commerce. The only basis for consideration should be quality. If a picture is good, there is room for it everywhere. If it is bad, no amount of protective action can make it acceptable to entertainment seekers in its own or any other country."

In London, Warner backed his convictions by setting up arrangements with Associated British Pictures Corp. for the production there of at least six top-bracket pictures using Warner Bros. players, directors and producers as needed. These films will be distributed in America and foreign countries exactly as are Warner features made in their Hollywood studios.

Once this programme is successfully established, he added, Warner Bros. will withdraw from the production field in England.

### STAR THEATRE

"SINCE YOU WENT AWAY": "Since You Went Away" will be showing at the Star Theatre this week, and owing to the length of the film (over three hours), readers are asked to check performance times in the press.

"ANNA KARENINA": (Lee and Queen's). Stars: Vivien Leigh, Ralph Richardson.

Story: Here is Tolstoy's complicated story of a woman's love brought to the screen again, this time by Alexander Korda, with Vivien Leigh as the ill-mated, ill-fated Anna. It is the old story of a beautiful, sensitive woman married to a respectable older man (in this case Ralph Richardson plays Alexei Karenin). A meeting with a young Guards officer, Captain Vronsky (Kieron

"THE GREAT MR. NOBODY": (Lee). Stars: Eddie Albert, Joan Leslie.

Story: Not much. "Dreamy" Smith (Eddie Albert), newspaper advertising salesman, loves Mary Clove (Joan Leslie). His golden heart gets him into trouble when he invites the family of a crippled newsboy to come and share his flat. Fired by his boss, "Dreamy" later dives in to save him when the boss ploughs into the bay, is in turn rescued by the boss and presented with a medal for bravery.

"THREE DARING DAUGHTERS": (Queen's). Stars: Jeanette MacDonald, Jose Iturbi, Jane Powell.

Story: Sent on a sea-trip because of overwork, Louise Morgan (Jeanette MacDonald) three daughters decide that she has been worried about her divorced husband. They plan to bring him home as a surprise. Meanwhile Louise meets pianist-conductor Jose Iturbi on the ship, and they are married in Havana. On returning home Louise puts off telling the children about her new husband, as they object strenuously to the intrusion of Iturbi. Finally, all is revealed, the impending descent of Mr. Morgan put off, and everybody loses their complexes together. (Showing today.)

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# AMERICA REJECTS OVERTURE No Bilateral Negotiations With Soviet Russia Cannot Afford A Failure, Declares Marshall

Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, tonight rejected the idea of a bilateral conference between the United States and Russia—less than 48 hours after Moscow had announced its willingness to enter into such a conference.

Mr. Marshall, who was speaking at his weekly press conference, said the only way to proceed with a settlement was to tackle outstanding issues in the bodies already set up to deal with them, such as the United Nations Security Council and the Allied Control Commission in Berlin.

"This Government has no intention of entering into bilateral negotiations with the Soviet Government on matters relating to the interests of other governments," he declared in a specially prepared statement.

There was a danger of failure in a new conference and "that would do the world great harm."

To a crowded news conference, Mr. Marshall declared in a firm voice: "What we want is action in the fields where action is possible and urgently necessary at the present time."

"I refer to the matters before the Security Council and other United Nations bodies, such as the situation in Korea, the questions before the Allied Control Council in Berlin, and the Austrian treaty negotiations, where the utmost difficulties have arisen and difficulties generally resulted."

Mr. Marshall said that when General Walter Bedell Smith, United States Ambassador in Moscow, saw M. Molotov on May 3, he did not ask for any general discussion or negotiations.

"We have had long and bitter experience with such efforts," Mr. Marshall commented.

**Definite Purpose**  
The original purpose of General Smith's interview with M. Molotov was to clarify the United States policy in the minds of the Soviet Government in relation to many other unofficial United States speeches that have been made on the subject lately.

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## A SHIPPING MYSTERY

## Russia's Handling Rouses Comment

New York, May 12. The American Merchant Marine Institute said today that the strange behaviour of the Russian merchant fleet is a "prime source of mystery" and said that the "Iron Curtain" has been drawn even on routine Russian shipping information. According to a statement by the Institute, which is a trade association composed of 60 American steamship companies, only 110 of a total of 600 Russian-registered ships are listed in such standard references as Lloyd's register.

The statement said, "Just where and why the fourth largest merchant marine in the world operates in such a strange manner raises almost the same questions that were asked about the Japanese merchant prior to Pearl Harbour."

The Institute said that reports were received only on Russian ships that touch foreign ports. Therefore it is presumed that the bulk of the Soviet fleet operates between Russian or Russian-controlled ports where censorship hinders the ship movements.

## Liberty Ships

The announcement said that only 23 of 87 American ships are now under the Russian flag through lend-lease and the State Department sale allocations. Among the unreported are 27 Liberty ships.

The Institute said, "Following no schedule and maintaining no regular service, Russian ships whose movements can be traced appear to be engaged in long economic voyages."

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H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Shanghai 1 p.m. ex-Canton

1.15 p.m. 2.30 p.m. ex-Singapore

PACIFIC AIRMAN ex-San Francisco

12.30 p.m. ex-Hongkong

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TOMORROW

CANTON (Mac. Mac.) for Europe

EASTERN RAGA (Jardine) for Shanghai

PACIFIC BEAR (U.R.L.) for Hongkong

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PAN-AMERICAN ex-New York via

Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Damas-

ascus, Istanbul, London 2.15 p.m.

HOAC ex-Singapore 1.30 a.m. for

Hongkong via Bangkok 8.30 a.m. for

Iukwakon 7 a.m.

AIR FRANCE for Siam 1 p.m.

TOMORROW

CNAAC for Shanghai 10.45 a.m. for

Amoy, via Swatow 7 a.m. for

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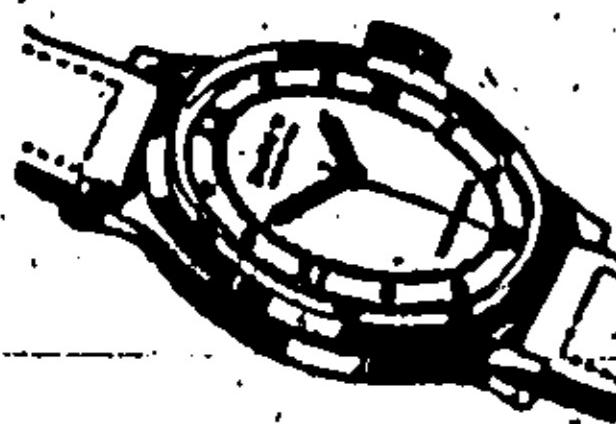
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# CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1948.

## AUSSIE BATSMEN RUN RIOT

### Astronomical Sweep

More than 1,425,000 tickets have been sold on the Lantau Handicap to be run at the Race Course tomorrow. The first prize was yesterday worth \$80,000.

## America Rejects Overture

(Continued from Page 9)

"That would do the world great harm. We cannot afford a continuation of such failures. What we must have is a successful action where such action is now sorely needed."

To an immediate barrage of questions, Mr. Marshall said he had "nothing in mind on further communications to M. Molotov at the present time."

Underlining the meaning of his prepared statement, he insisted that there must be specific proposals and not just general discussions. "These discussions must have a practical possibility of success," he said.

To another question, he agreed that the initiative in the matter now was largely up to the Soviet Government. There were a number of fields open at the present time, he continued, where important work could be done to the benefit of the world.

He asserted that fundamentally M. Molotov's reply to General Bedell Smith's original statement did not reveal, in his opinion, any change of view.

### Very Important

He then drew the attention of journalists especially to a passage in M. Molotov's statement in which the Soviet Foreign Minister said: "The Soviet Government can only welcome this statement of the United States Government, for, as is known, it has always pursued a policy of peace and cooperation towards the United States, which always met with the unanimous approval and support of the peoples of the USSR."

"The USSR declares that it intends also in the future to pursue this policy with complete consistency."

"Mr. Marshall commented: 'That is a very important statement.' He looked up and repeated: 'That is a very important statement. I am sure the world will watch with interest to see with what consistency this policy is pursued.'

Returning to the reasons for initiating the original approach to M. Molotov, the Secretary of State said that the need of re-signing United States policy to the Russian Government was considered important because "sometimes you believe your own propaganda if it goes on long enough."

Mr. Marshall regretted that Russia had broken confidence in releasing details of the diplomatic exchanges.

"We assumed that they were confidential discussions," he told his press conference. "We re-

## Fast Scoring At Cambridge

Cambridge, May 12. After dismissing the Cambridge University team for 167 runs in their match here today, the Australian tourists scored 184 runs for one wicket at the close of play.

The Cambridge innings lasted for a total of three and a half hours. Keith Miller did most of the damage, taking five wickets for just over nine runs apiece. He bowled fast, with one brief spell of slower off-breaks.

When play resumed after lunch, the total slowly rose to 90 before Elgood, playing a purely defensive stroke, was bowled off-stump by Miller.

Bailey and Insole, both of whom play for Essex, sent up the 100 in two hours and 20 minutes and when the spinners Toshack and McCool took the ball, the scoring rate increased slightly.

Insole made some good leg side strokes and in 35 minutes the sixth wicket had realised 33 runs when Bailey, hesitating over a second run, was run out.

Lindwall took the new ball at 133 and his opening over yielded eight runs, but at 150, he got Insole taken at second slip. Miller then finished off the innings with an inspired spell, claiming three wickets in ten deliveries while conceding only three singles.

The University had given an uneven display of batting.

Brown and Morris gave the Australians a fine send-off, scoring 64 runs in 35 minutes but then Morris put up a catch to short leg. When Hamence joined Brown, the scoring rate dropped for a time and it took Brown 85 minutes to reach 60, his first half century of the tour.

Then the rate improved and Hamence reached his 50 after batting for 75 minutes. The stand reached three figures and the Australians were in front in just over two hours. When stumps were drawn the Australians were 17 runs ahead and the second wicket had put on 120 runs in 100 minutes.

### YESTERDAY'S PLAY

Cambridge, May 13. The Australian cricket tourists at lunch time today had made 353 runs for three wickets.

Bill Brown, the opening bat, had completed his first century of the tour and by the interval was well on the way to his second.

Brown and Ron Hamence drove and hit to leg skilfully and runs came readily. Hamence seemed assured of his first century in England when, attempting a drive, he snicked a catch to the wicket-keeper at 240.

He gave a polished display, scoring 92, including one five and nine fours out of 170 realised by the second wicket in two and a half hours.

gret the development because a diplomatic exchange is the sole remaining field in which controversies can be dealt with without being influenced by adverse public reaction."

Mr. Marshall stressed that, while Moscow Radio had published all of M. Molotov's remarks, it had only given a slight reference to the statement of General Bedell Smith.—Reuter.

### Middlesex Below Usual Form

London, May 12. Middlesex did not play cricket like champions against Worcestershire today, even Edrich and Compton falling below their usual high standard. The excuse may have been the difficulties of the wicket following yesterday's storm, coupled with indifferent light.

Worcestershire were also over-led when he over-reached while making a defensive stroke. Hutton is now unbeaten and 34 to his credit.

India's cricketer, Kardar, took the honours at Oxford, where he hit a flawless 80, including two sixes and seven four, during a stay of two and a quarter hours. Towards the end of the day's play the pitch was taking spin but Oxford totalled 293 before stumps were drawn and Hampshire may find it difficult to overtake that score tomorrow.

\* Close of play scores:

At Lords: Worcestershire 157 (Gray flew for 25), Middlesex 89 for four.

At Oxford: Oxford University 203 (Kardar 80, Pears 54, Travers not out 62), Hampshire 101.

At Manchester: Lancashire 309 for five (Washbrook 110, Hutton 99, E. Edrich not out 108); Warwickshire to bat.

At Huddersfield: Northamptonshire 233 (Brookes 63), Yorkshire 88 for one (Hutton not out 54).—Reuter.

## SMUTS PLAN FOR NEW BLOC

Johannesburg, May 13. Marshal Jan Smuts today held out hope of forming a third "great super-group" of nations linking Europe with the British Commonwealth.

"It might be possible for human statesmanship to establish a close link and association between the British Commonwealth,

"The two great powers in the East and West, a power greater perhaps than either, larger in population and resources, bigger in experience, with human genius at the heart of it, with all the broadness of a civilisation which has been developed in Western Europe in that one group."

The present world pattern of two powerful states facing each other across "a barren, almost desolate Europe," was very dangerous for the world and the future of mankind, he added.

Speaking at a Rotary Club lunch here, four days before Britain's due to give up the Palestine mandate.

"My feeling has always been for a National Home for the Jewish people," he said.

"I regard it as almost an historical necessity. Today, the Jewish State is in the process of being built up in Palestine, and I wish it success."

"My innermost sympathy is with the Jews. In the problem of Palestine, there is tragedy at our door."

"A power is on the move, and Palestine lies on that road."

General Smuts said a new phenomenon today was the advent of "total politics" and "total statesmanship" and even attempts to solve the world's problems have led to new problems.

"The United Nations itself is becoming a problem," he declared.—Reuter.

**MANCHESTER CUP**

London, May 12.

The final acceptances, with weights, for the Manchester Cup, to be run over a mile and a half on Saturday, May 22, were announced today as follows:

Signalman 8 st. 13 lbs., Turkarla 8.0, Diesel 8.6, Somed 8.5

Standerton 8.4, Boy Blue 8.4,

McCool 8.0, Stuart 8.3, Philadelphia 8.1, Re-

Ring 7.5, Extras 7.0.

**SCHOOLS SOCCER FINALS TO-DAY**

(By "E.D.")

Today sees the long-delayed and, indeed, twice post-

poned finals of the Schools' Football Leagues.

The games, scheduled for 4.00 and 5.00, respec-

tively, are both very open affairs and anyone

who cares to come along will be sure of seeing

two very whole-hearted matches.

The Senior league has already well deserved reputation of not

knowing what an inferiorly com-

plex is and, like St. Stephens

are a very full time team who

keep going.

The following players will re-

present C.C.C. against Recrelo

tomorrow at 4 p.m.:

J. Li Sui-wing, A. F. Ferreira, A.

J. Correa and J. Pau (skip);

G. Hong Choy, S. R. Randolph,

A. H. Rumjahn and H. W. Randall

(skip); J. Billimoria, F. Lee, J. H.

Xavier and S. H. Marvin (skip);

B. S. Chowla, G. Souza, C. W.

M. Omar and U.M. Omar (skip);

L. W. Leonard, M. A. Baptista,

L. C. R. Souza and A. E. Coates

(skip); A. J. Coelho, S. H. Marvin, H.

W. Randall and M. J. Medina

(skip); A. H. Rumjahn, John Pau, W.

Hong Sling and A. M. Omar

(skip); Reserves:—F. Lee and G.

Souza.

**FILIPINO CLUB BOWLS**

Weather permitting, the bowling

green of the Filipino Club, King's Park, will be opened for practice

tomorrow.

On Sunday, a Wappingham Competition will be held at 3.30 p.m.

**K.C.C. TENNIS**

Weather permitting, a practice

for members of the Kowloon

Crickets Club intending to parti-

cipate in the Tennis League will

be held on the K.C.C. grass courts

on Sunday at 8 p.m.

All members interested in repre-

senting the Club in the League

are requested to turn out. Selec-

tions for representative teams will be made after the practice.

A practice for players intend-

ing to participate in the Mix Doubles

and Women's Doubles will be held later.

**London, May 12.**

Shakespeare's folios and the first

dated will be among the 100

literary treasures to be sold by

Gothey's on July 12 and 13.

Reuter.

## A Heavy Champion

Bloomingdale, Michigan, May 12.

Joe Louis, whose weight has been the subject of much discussion by boxing writers, expects to scale 16 stone 8 pounds—the heaviest fighting weight ever—when he defends his world-heavyweight title in the return contest with Joe Walcott on June 23.

Louis, who will go into training at Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, on Monday next, announced today that he weighed 15 stone 12 pounds.

Louis will celebrate his 34th birthday tomorrow.—Reuter.

## NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

## HONG KONG MERMAID TWICE LOWERS MARK HUANG SISTERS' TWO VICTORIES

Shanghai, May 13.

Kong, who set up a new National record of 35.9 seconds in winning the 50 metres free-style yesterday, became the undisputed short-distance free-style swimming champion of China when she scored a convincing victory in the 100 metres free-style at today's National Athletic Meet.

She bettered the old national record of one minute and 23 minutes for this event twice today within a few hours.

After winning the heats this morning in one minute and 22.9 seconds, she clipped off another 2.3 seconds this afternoon in the final, which she won in one minute and 20.6 seconds amid deafening cheers from the large crowd.

Malaya's Lin Tsing-siang was second and Slam's Chang Lao third.

Another overseas aquatic star, Indonesia's Wu Chuan-yu, also smashed a National record twice—in the 100 metres freestyle. He won the heat in 63.5 seconds to better the old record of 66 seconds and the semi-final in 63.3 seconds.

The second semi-final in this event was also won by an Indonesian, Wong Ping-hei in 68 seconds, equaling the record, with Philippines' Chuan Mei-tao, who broke the record in the morning heat with 65.6 seconds, third.

**Another H.K. Triumph**

Hong Kong's Huang Wei-tseng, younger sister of record-breaker Huang Wan-tseng, won the final 200-metres breast-stroke in three minutes and 43.5 seconds, after leading all the way. She finished five metres ahead of her fellow team-mates Wong Yuk-tin and Loo Tuck-chen, second-and-third respectively.

Although ploughing last into the water, Malaya's Chen Shun-mei triumphed in the 200-metres breast-stroke final by two metres in three minutes and 49 seconds from Hong Kong's Wong Toek-yung and Philippines' Liu Ying-chien.